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REPLY TO ATTN OF:

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Dr. George Snyder Director, Auke Bay Laboratory NOAA/ NMFS P.O. Box 210155 Auke Bay, Alaska 99821

Dear Dr. Snyder:

Reference is made to our telephone conversation of April 9, 1987, regarding the proposed analysis by your laboratory of six of our EPA sediment samples from the Seattle area for the presence of various organotin isomers. We are very pleased to have the opportunity of assistance from your group in this very important situation. As I indicated, our laboratory is currently gearing up for the analysis of organotins, but at the moment our capabilities for routinely analyzing these important materials is somewhat limited.

We expect to send the six samples (with a blank control) as soon as possible, and they should be arriving soon. Project manager for these samples is Mr. Michael Matta of our staff, who is reachable at (206) 442-1904. Mike will be in contact with Dr. Short of your staff regarding the shipment dates and techniques. We have also processed a purchase order for the samples, based on a cost of \$125 per sample, and we foresee no problems in paying you for these much appreciated efforts. Thanks again!

Yours sincerely;

Michael Watson, Ph.D., D.A.B.T. Regional Toxicologist

cc: Michael Matta



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